GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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INCLUSION OF CASTES IN SCSLIST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nonia, Mallah, Turha and Tanti-Tatava castes are included in the most backward classes category in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) whether the Institute of Social Studies and the State Governments have recommendedinclusion of these castes in the list of Scheduled Castes category on the basis of their social and educational backwardness;

(c) whether all these castes are included in the Scheduled Castes category in other States of the country; and

(d) if so, the action taken/to be taken by the Government to include the said castes in the Scheduled Castes category ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) Presently Nunia, Nonia, Mallah (Surhia), Turha and Tanti (Tatwa) (not Tanti-Tatava) fund a place in the Central List of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in Bihar and Jharkhand.

(b) The Government of Bihar, based on the report of the Tribal Welfare Research Institute,Ranchi, had sent a recommendation for inclusion of the Nonia community in the list of Scheduled Castes. In respect of the Turha and Tanti-Tatava castes, no proposal has been received from the Government of Bihar.

(c) The Mallah community has been specified as a Scheduled Caste in West Bengal and theNCT of Delhi,the Turaiha (not Turha) community has been specified as a Scheduled Caste in Uttar Pradesh and the Nuniya (not Nonia) community has been specified as a Scheduled Caste in West Bengal. The Tanti-Tatava community has not been included in the list of Scheduled Castes in any State in the Country.

(d) As the proposal of the State Government regarding inclusion of the Nonia community in thelist of Scheduled Castes furnished to this Ministry since lacked the requisite ethnographic details. Therefore, the Government of Bihar has been requested to furnish the requisite details for examination of the proposal as per the approved modalities.